

through. One, you must have a taxpayer identification number should you receive interest on it and there is a procedure and a signature card for approved withdrawal.

SENATOR ROBINSON: So you're saying they must have an account.

SENATOR FISHER: In my experience, yes.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Okay. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Robinson. While getting ready to recognize Senator Wesely, I would like to recognize guests of Senator Cudaback. We have under the north balcony Rob Hein and his son, Tanner. If you would stand and be recognized. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. President and members, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I rise in support of the bill and I, too, have worked in personnel, and for the company I worked for did research on this very subject. The way we handled it and the way I think most employers would handle it, there are exceptions obviously, would be to contact the employee, make available the opportunity to have direct deposit and then have that written consent filled out and you proceed to take that step. I think that has not been burdensome. It is mutually advantageous to have direct deposit. You not only benefit the employee by allowing them to have that money directly without the hassle of having to go to deposit. The employer wins and that's the thing that you see and maybe the reason some employers require all employees to take their payments in this fashion, there are cost savings to the employer and that's understandable why some people would want to take advantage of this. But the sense I have is most employers would consider the best interest of the employee and give them the option and then make available to them the chance to direct deposit and it seems to me this allows for that. The written consent is there and I see no problem with this approach, and from personal experience, I would think this is a reasonable piece of legislation, so I rise in support of LB 525.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Additional guest of the Legislature, very special guest of Senator Joyce Hillman. We have her son, Terry, Terry's wife, Cindy, their two children Meggan and Stephanie visiting here from Rapid City and if they would stand, please. Senator Schimek, that applause was not for